

CITIZENS' LEAGUE FOR THIS CITY

An Organization that Enroll Two Thousand Voters Once Is Formed.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

One Object of the League is to Make the Records of Candidates Known to Voters.

Indianapolis is to have a Citizens' League similar in purpose and method of operation to the Municipal Voters' League of Chicago. Several prominent citizens have for some time been thinking about the necessity of such an organization and planning the best method of procedure. The result is a formal announcement today by a self-constituted committee of seven men—Thomas C. Day, William Fortune, the Rev. Francis Henry Gavick, Theodore E. Griffith, George Edwin Hunt, Augustus L. Mason and Lucius B. Swift.

This executive committee, as a result of the announcement in The News, today, and the publication of the accompanying membership coupon, expects to enroll about 2,000 voters at once. The enrollment will be increased by the mailing of circulars and the personal work of the executive committee and others who may become interested.

The purpose of the league for the present is to furnish to the voters full and accurate information in regard to nominees for elective offices, so that one need not through ignorance vote for an unfit man. The league expects to go no further than this except that where a notoriously unfit man is a candidate for nomination, the league will exert its power to influence the nomination.

It is expected that many will for business and other reasons be unwilling to be known as members of the league. To such persons the league will make no announcement of the names on its rolls except where the signers are willing.

The Announcement.

The following announcement issued by the executive committee is self-explanatory.

To the Voters of Indianapolis: An organization has been effected to be known as the Citizens' League of Indianapolis, and the following statement is made on behalf of this organization. The league believes:

That city, township and county affairs should be administered in the interests of the people and by the best available men, irrespective of their party affiliation.

That a majority of the voters desire the offices to be held by men who will deal justly with all and grant special favors to none.

That the efficiency of laws as, for instance, the city charter and the county and township reform laws, depends, after all, on the men who administer them.

That the voter desirous of seeing offices filled by capable men has no choice but to vote for candidates presented by party managers. In many cases these are not the best that can be obtained.

There are many voters in Marion county who desire a better local government, but who have had no medium through which their desires could be expressed. The league has been organized to afford these voters that opportunity.

The Citizens' League has the following objects:

- To secure the nomination and election of the most capable and honest men, irrespective of party affiliations, to all city, township and county offices.
- To secure an efficient and thoroughly businesslike administration of municipal, township and county affairs.
- To watch the conduct of public affairs by officials, with a view to making a public report on these matters.
- It is not the purpose of the league to antagonize any party organization, but the league will, prior to elections, publish reliable information respecting all candidates.

Desire Good Men.

There is no doubt that the great majority of voters desire to see good men in office, and to have the affairs of the community conducted on business principles. It is the purpose of the league to assist in securing these results. It proposes to act without fear or favor and to conserve only public interests. It cares not at all what a candidate for local office believes in regard to the tariff or ship subsidy bill, but it does insist that he should be a man of integrity and capacity, who will treat public office as a public trust.

The approaching city election makes it necessary that steps shall be taken at once, and we therefore desire to enroll all voters who are in sympathy with the principles and who will support an effort to secure the election of honest and capable men. Those who enroll themselves will be known only to the members of the executive committee unless by their own act, for their names will not be made public by the league. The greatest success of the movement can only be attained by a prompt response from all who sympathize with it.

All voters who believe in the purposes of the league as outlined above are invited to sign and mail the blank coupon below to George Edwin Hunt, Commercial Club Building, Indianapolis.

THOMAS C. DAY,
WILLIAM FORTUNE,
FRANCIS HENRY GAVICK,
THEODORE E. GRIFFITH,
GEORGE EDWIN HUNT,
AUGUSTUS L. MASON,
LUCIUS B. SWIFT.

Executive Committee.

Dr. George E. Hunt, secretary of the Commercial Club, and a member of the original committee, in speaking of the origin of the league, says:

"It seems hardly necessary to make an explanation regarding this movement, as the manifesto speaks for itself. The gentlemen who organized the league have had the question of a betterment of conditions before them for some time. Some two months ago the best plan of procedure began to receive attention. An investigation of the results obtained in other cities led to the belief that the Municipal Voters' League of Chicago has accomplished greater good than any similar organization in the United States and the Citizens' League of Indianapolis has been modeled on the same lines."

"We do not ask a pledge to vote the

TWO MEN FOUND DEAD IN A HOTEL

Carpenters from Bridgeport Asphyxiated in a Room at the Arlington.

NO SUSPICION OF SUICIDE

They Went to the Hotel at 2 O'Clock This Morning—Had Been Drinking, But Were in Good Humor.

Ezekiel W. Pollock and Merriam Pierson, carpenters, were found dead in a room in the Arlington Hotel, at 341 West Washington street, about 9 o'clock to-day. They were asphyxiated by gas that escaped from a jet in their room. The indications are that the deaths were accidental.

Both men have been working in Bridgeport, west of the city. Pollock lived with his father, Ezekiel Pollock, on a farm seven miles north of Salem. He is a single man, about thirty-five years old. Pierson lived with his wife and one child, three miles north of Bridgeport. Both men were roughly dressed.

In Pollock's pockets were found a check for \$21, drawn on the Citizens' Bank of Plainfield, and signed by J. A. Matern, of Plainfield, and a draft for \$12.80 drawn on the Kinsey Bank of Kinsey, Kas. In Pierson's pockets were found a number of receipts for dues payable to lodge No. 50, K. of P., at Plainfield. In a note book was written his name and his address as Bridgeport.

Had Been Drinking.

The men called at the hotel about 2 o'clock this morning, and told Mrs. Julia Pouty, the proprietor, that they wanted a room. They were drinking freely, but were in a good humor, and before being assigned to their room on the third floor they laughed and joked with each other.

When asked to register, Pollock wrote his name as E. Pollock, and Pierson, in a joking manner, said it was not necessary for both of them to register. They went to their room and retired immediately.

The room is an inside one and the door and window leading into the hallway were closed. About 8 o'clock this morning Mrs. Pouty detected the odor of gas and visited several rooms searching for a leak. She found that the gas was coming from beneath the door leading into the room which Pollock and Pierson occupied and the door was forced open. Both men were dead.

The City Dispensary ambulance and the police were called. After a thorough investigation the police said the men evidently turned on the gas after they had turned it off and then went to bed. The gas jet was found turned on.

ORDERED TO VENEZUELA.

Three German Cruisers will Leave Kiel Next Week.

BERLIN, November 27.—Three additional cruisers, the Nibbe, Adriane and Amazon, have been ordered to leave Kiel and proceed to Venezuela. They will sail as soon as they can be made ready for sea. Telegraphic instructions were sent to the navy department yesterday, ordering their immediate fitting out, and orders for the necessary supplies of ammunition and other equipment have been issued. It is expected that the three cruisers will be ready to sail about the middle of next week. It is supposed the cruisers go to enforce the payment of the claim Germany holds against Castro's government.

RIVER TRAFFIC BEGINS.

Five Million Tons of Coal Started Down the Ohio.

PITTSBURGH, November 27.—Five million tons of coal and thousands of tons of manufactured iron and steel products were shipped to the south to-day on the ton-foot stack of water. The rivers are rising rapidly. Thousands of men worked all night to get the various steamboats and the coal tows in readiness to move.

The manufactured products will be taken to the far South. There was a great jam about the locks on the Monongahela river last night, the various coal concerns being anxious to get their coal in to the harbor for shipment.

It is estimated that 15,000,000 bushels of coal are loaded.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

United States Weather Bureau.

Indianapolis, November 27, 1902.

Temperature.—

November 27, 1902. November 27, 1902.

7 a. m. 29.7. 12 m. 32. 7 a. m. 29.7. 12 m. 32.

—Barometer.—

7 a. m. 29.74. 12 m. 29.82.

—Relative Humidity.—

7 a. m. 95. 12 m. 79.

Local Forecast.

Local forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 a. m., November 28. Clearing this afternoon; partly cloudy to-night; Friday fair. No material change in temperature.

—Weather in Other Cities.—

The following table shows the state of the weather in other cities at 8 a. m.:

Stations. Bar. Temp. Wind. Weather.

Bismarck, N. D. 29.78 27.8 4 P. Cloudy

Boston, Mass. 29.74 29.4 34 P. Rain

Chicago, Ill. 29.74 29.4 34 P. Cloudy

Cincinnati, O. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Snow

Denver, Colo. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

Houston, Tex. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Rain

Indianapolis, Ind. 29.74 29.4 34 P. Cloudy

Jackassville, Fla. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

Kansas City, Mo. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

Little Rock, Ark. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

Los Angeles, Cal. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

Mobile, Ala. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

New Orleans, La. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

New York, N. Y. 29.74 29.4 34 P. Cloudy

Oklahoma, O. T. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

Omaha, Neb. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

Pittsburg, Mo. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

Portland, Ore. 29.72 28.2 32 P. P. Cloudy

Qu Appelle, Neb. 29.72 28.2 32 P. P. Cloudy

Rapid City, S. D. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

San Antonio, Tex. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

San Francisco, Cal. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

St. Louis, Mo. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

St. Paul, Minn. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Clear

Washington, D. C. 29.72 28.2 32 P. Cloudy

HIS THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER.

FURNITURE TRUST CLASS TRUST LINEN TRUST CARPET TRUST

Membership Coupon of the Citizens' League.

I am in sympathy with the principles and purposes of the Citizens' League of Indianapolis.

Name _____

Address _____

SHERRICK'S LIEUTENANTS.

Deputies for the New State Auditor Are Appointed.

David E. Sherrick, Auditor of State, who will take office the first of next year, has selected his first of deputies. Geo. U. Bingham, a Democrat, who has been retained through Republican administration because of his experience and knowledge, will continue, as will Cyrus W. Neal, deputy in the insurance department. The new appointments are to be as follows:

Chief deputy—Warren Bigler, a business man of Wabash and former secretary of the Republican State committee. He succeeds Frank Martin, an opponent of Sherrick in the nominating convention.

Deputy in the land and building and loan department—William A. Walker, who lives in Central avenue, Indianapolis, and was active in the second ward for Sherrick. He is a traveling agent for Bradstreet's. He succeeds L. G. Rothschild.

State bank examiner—E. M. Hinshaw, president of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of Clero. He succeeds T. E. Milligan, who was a candidate for the nomination for State Treasurer. Hinshaw's appointment is the only one of his kind that has been officially announced, but it is known that others have been decided on.

WRECK INSIDE THE CITY.

I. D. & W. and Big Four Passenger Trains Came Together.

Big Four train No. 2, from Lafayette, due at the Union station at 10:30, and I. D. & W. train No. 7, from Tuscola, Ill., due at the Union station at 10:15, came together at Senate avenue and the railroad tracks, just west of the Union station, to-day, at 10:30.

The I. D. & W. engine was lifted off the tracks about three feet and the baggage car and first coach of the Big Four, which met the I. D. & W. engine, were lifted until they leaned at a forty-five-degree angle.

No person was hurt.

It happened that there were few passengers in the front of the Big Four coach, although both trains were filled with people. Both trains had received a signal at the Missouri-street station to take the north track.

MOTHER AND BABE INJURED.

They Were Struck by an English Avenue Street Car.

Mrs. Jessie H. Beatty and her eighteen-months-old baby were struck by an English avenue car, at English avenue and Laurel street, last night, and both of them were injured. Mrs. Beatty started across the street, carrying her child. She had a shawl about her head, and the blinding snow prevented her from seeing the car. She walked directly in front of it.

The woman was knocked several feet and the child fell in a puddle of snow and water, some distance away. The mother was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering from internal injuries. The child was only bruised. The family home is at 1845 Shelby street.

FOOT RACE SWINDLERS.

Connors, McCarren and Others Will Be Placed on Trial in December.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., November 27.—Justice Shirley, of the Sangamon Circuit Court, has set the cases of the foot-race swindlers for trial December 8. Johnny Mathews, Alexander McCarren, alias Billy Mathews, and J. J. Vestrearter will be tried first. The case of Tom Brewer, alias Col. Roberts, has not yet been set, but in all probability it will be before the week is over. Word has been received from Robert Shaffer and the other Indiana men involved in the cases, that they will be here ready to testify when the cases are called.

WANTS TO BE CAUCUS CHAIRMAN.

David Poor, of Gwynnville, Representative from Shelby county, announces that his name will go before the Democrats of the House as a candidate for minority caucus chairman.

CATTLE QUARANTINE.

Foot and Mouth Disease is Prevalent in New England.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to-day promulgated an order establishing a quarantine of cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine in the New England States and prohibiting the exportation of such animals from the port of Boston until further orders. This action is taken on account of the discovery of a highly contagious disease known as foot and mouth disease in New England.

A SUIT FOR DAMAGES BROUGHT BY MINISTERS

ACTION FILED AGAINST NINE MINISTERS AND LAYMEN.

THE BASIS FOR THE CHARGES

The Rev. Mr. Keiter Says He Has Been Maliciously Prosecuted and Libeled—Suit at Huntington.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

HUNTINGTON, Ind., November 27.—The Rev. Mr. F. Keiter has brought suit for malicious prosecution and libel against nine ministers and laymen of the United Brethren church. The list includes Bishop M. Wright and William Wright, of Dayton, O.; the Rev. C. L. Wood, of Alma, Mich.; the Revs. William Dillon, W. H. Clay, H. C. Foote, A. C. Johnson, T. H. Granger, and S. A. Stemen, of this city, all prominent men in the affairs of the church.

Damages in the sum of \$1,000 are asked. The complaint says that by reason of a conspiracy among these men he was made to answer the charge of forgery in the Huntington Circuit Court, last spring, and that as a result he sustained injury to his reputation in the sum of \$1,000, and further loss on account of the expense of the trial in the sum of \$1,000.

The Second Paragraph.

The second paragraph of the complaint alleges libel, and quotes at length from pamphlets printed and distributed by the defendants derogatory to his conduct and accounts as agent of the publishing establishment of the church.

Service on most of the plaintiffs was secured while the friends of Bishop Wright were in convention preparing resolutions against the action of the White River Conference in expelling the bishop from the ministry of the church for his conduct in the publishing establishment quarrel.

THE COLISEUM PROJECT.

Hugh J. McGowan Has Returned and It Will be Taken Up.

Hugh McGowan arrived home last night from the East, where he has been two weeks. Mr. McGowan and Harry New went to Washington to ask the State Department to interfere in behalf of the Indianapolis owners of the Indiana-Sonora copper mine, in Mexico. Recently Mexican troops took possession of the mine under an order of a Mexican court, procured by L. Lindsay, who, the Indiana men say, is trying to "hold them up." Mr. McGowan had no statement to make to-day.

George W. Bliss and the promoters of the coliseum project have been awaiting McGowan's return. A coliseum project meeting will be held next week.

ELOPED WITH AN ACTRESS.

Indianapolis Millionaire Reported to Have Sailed From New York.

A special to The News from New York to-day, says that Dessa Gibson, known on the stage as Dessa Dunbar, failed to appear at the Casino last night, and it is reported that she sailed on an Atlantic liner with a young Indianapolis millionaire she intends to marry.

Miss Gibson has appeared here once or twice and two or three well-known wealthy young men of this city paid her marked attention. A coliseum project meeting will be held next week.

SHREDDER MISHAPS 17-18-19.

Samuel Dunn Driven Head First Into a Machine.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

ARCADIA, Ind., November 27.—Samuel Dunn, a farmer, a few miles west of here, was seriously but not fatally hurt by a corn shredder yesterday. He was feeding his machine when his clothing was caught and he was drawn head first into the machine. His shoulder was dislocated, several ribs on the left side were fractured and his face was cut.

Two Arms Amputated.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

FLORA, Ind., November 27.—While Charles Scott, was working on a corn shredder near Young America, yesterday, his hand was caught in the machinery and physically amputated his arm just below the elbow.

George Wilson, who lives between here and Young America, had his left hand shredded by a corn shredder, and the member had to be amputated.

BULLET MISSED MINISTER.

Shot Fired Through Window of a Kokomo Home.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

KOKOMO, Ind., November 27.—While the Rev. Mr. Meyer, of the United Brethren church, was at home last night, an unknown man shot through the window, the bullet barely missing the minister. The ball lodged in the wall of the room. Mr. Meyer thinks the shot was fired by accident.

HUNTING MISHAP NO. 20.

Madison Youth Shot Himself in the Foot with a Rifle.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

MADISON, Ind., November 27.—Fredrick Brossart, fifteen years old, was preparing for a Thanksgiving hunt last evening. He shot himself in the foot with the rifle and spent the day at home.

IRVINGTON WOMAN VICTIM OF ASSAULT

Poison Was Forced Down Her Throat After She Had Been Rendered Unconscious.

POLICE MAY HAVE A CLEW

The Assailant was a White Man with His Face Blackened—Woman Will Recover.

Mrs. Ida Titworth, a servant employed in the home of George A. Gifford, at 6 South Ritter avenue, Irvington, was assaulted in a shed in the rear of the house about 6 o'clock to-day and poison was forced down her throat by a white man who had his hands and face blackened. She was rendered unconscious.

There are many elements of mystery surrounding the case which the police are trying to solve.

Shortly after daybreak Mrs. Titworth went to the shed for some wood. She got an arm-load and turned to the door to pass out, when the man stepped from behind a partition. Mrs. Titworth saw him, screamed and dropped the wood. She thought for an instant that he was a negro, but when he raised his arms she noticed that his hands were white.

"Shut up, or I'll kill you," the man said, as he made a lunge toward the woman.

She Was Knocked Down.

In one of his hands he held a small stick of ivory wood and with this he dealt Mrs. Titworth a stunning blow on the head behind the left ear, just as she turned to run. The blow knocked the woman down, but she retained her senses for a few minutes, and during the struggle that followed the man forced the neck of a small bottle between her lips.

Mrs. Titworth struggled desperately, but she was overpowered and sank into a semi-conscious state. Her screams had been heard by Mr. Gifford, who was then dressing in his room. He ran down to the shed and found the door barred. He threw his weight against it several times, when it flew open he saw the woman lying on the floor with her dress torn and disarranged. A back door to the shed stood open. The man was gone. There was every evidence of the desperate struggle which Mrs. Titworth had experienced.

The bottle containing poison was broken on the floor. The woman was carried into the house and Dr. T. L. Thompson was called. There was a strong odor of creosote on the woman's breath.

The Woman Revived.

The physician used a stomach pump and Mrs. Titworth soon revived sufficiently to tell her terrible experience. Dr. Thompson examined what little was left of the contents of the bottle and as near as he could judge without a chemical analysis, decided that it contained creosote and clove oil.

The police were notified and Captain Kruger, Sergeant Schwab and bicycle policemen Duncan and Askins investigated. The woman's husband is James H. Titworth, a farmer living near Foxe, Brown county, from whom she separated in July.

Mrs. Titworth told the police she left her husband in July. She said he treated her cruelly, and she left without telling him where she was going. The woman came to this city and secured employment as a servant in the Irvington home.

She said she kept her address a secret until within the past few days. A letter from her brother-in-law, two days ago, she said, told her that her husband had at last found her.

The police examined the shed and found fresh tracks of a man running, leading from the rear door in a westerly direction. They could not have been made more than twenty minutes before the police arrived.

Dr. Thompson said the woman's condition is not serious. The man was evidently frightened away, he said, in time to save her life.

QUENTIN TURNED SWITCH.

Young Roosevelt Interfered with His Father's Dinner Party.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—Little Quentin Roosevelt left luncheon to the state dinner of farewell to M. Jules Cambon, the French ambassador, Tuesday night. The youngster discovered the switch controlling the electric lights in the dining room and, while he was chauntly riding on the elevator would turn it on and off, much to the consternation of the guests, who were at times in utter darkness and again in the full blaze of the myriad chandeliers.

Quentin, it seems, was unconscious that he was interfering with his father's dinner party. He was watching the effect of his experiments on the great brass candelabra, surrounded by opalescent glass, which light the magnificent front portico. It was great fun for him to see his father fade and reappear at his sweet will, and like any boy of an investigating turn of mind, he took full advantage of his opportunities and of the consternation of the attendants in charge, who were hurrying around to find the cause of the alternate darkness and light, until one of them happened to notice the turned switch.

"COME ON, BOYS" SOLD.

Roosevelt Picture Fetched \$18,000 at New York Sale.

NEW YORK, November 27.—Verestchagin's picture of San Juan Hill, "Come On, Boys," showing Colonel Roosevelt charging at the head of his men, brought \$18,000 at public auction. In all, thirty-one pictures by Verestchagin were sold without reserve. The total amount realized was \$40,000.

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MINERS SAY G. F. BAER PLAYED THEM FALSE

ATTORNEYS LLOYD AND DARROW ISSUE A STATEMENT.

UP TO THE COMMISSION NOW

Independents Wear a Thanksgiving Smile Because Wayne MacVeagh Was Repudiated by His Clients.

SCRANTON, Pa., November 27.—The independent operators returned from their conference with the coal road presidents smiling and in a Thanksgiving mood. John Mitchell and the miners' lawyers returned from Washington indignant over the latest rebuff from the coal trust. They declared George F. Baer and his associates deliberately violated their own agreements, repudiated their own attorney, Wayne MacVeagh, and that the matter must now be fought to an end before the strike commission appointed by President Roosevelt.

The miners' views on the sudden turn of affairs are set forth in a statement issued by Messrs. Darrow and Lloyd, the attorneys.

They declare